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Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. RICHARDSON, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Messrs. FARR, JOHNSON of Georgia, GONZALEZ, Ms. SOLIS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Messrs. GRIJALVA, CUELLAR, REYES and HINOJOSA changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Messrs. HOEKSTRA, BILIRAKIS, SAXTON, BURGESS, BARTON of Texas, McCOTTER and Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the General Counsel of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL,
Washington, DC, November 9, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker,
House of Representatives.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I am writing to tender my resignation as General Counsel to the House of Representatives, effective the close of business on November 12, 2007. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve under three Speakers, including yourself, for the past twelve years. Over that time, I have tried to maintain a nonpartisan office that, both by reputation and in practice, provides thoughtful and effective legal advice and representation to all Members of the House, without regard to political affiliation, and whose highest obligation is to the long-term interests of the House. I believe the other attorneys in the office and I have succeeded in meeting these objectives. We have worked very closely with Members and staffers from both sides of the aisle on many matters, as well as with the House Officers and the many institutional offices in the legislative branch. I expect that the Office of General Counsel will continue to fulfill this role for the House, and that the Office will maintain the respect and trust it has enjoyed all these years.

I would like to recognize and thank the staff of the Office: first, my very good friend and colleague who came with me to the House over twelve years ago—Deputy General Counsel Kerry Kircher, who will continue in that capacity and provide excellent service to the House as he has always done. I would also like to recognize the other attorneys, Assistant Counsels David Plotinsky, Christine Davenport, and John Filamor, who have all been with the Office for a long time and who are well known to and respected by so many Members, Officers and staff of the House. Finally, I would like to recognize our Office Administrator, Czesia Constantine, who has taken care of every aspect of the office's functions, including watching every penny as though it were her own money. Her service, and that of the many evening law students who have worked as full time law clerks for the Office over those years, have made it possible for the attorneys to provide the quality of service for which the Office is known and appreciated.

I will greatly miss the many friends I have made here. I congratulate my successor, Irv Nathan, on his appointment and wish him

every success. Thank you again, Madam Speaker, for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

GERALDINE R. GENNET,
General Counsel.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I just realized that yesterday on H.R. 3093, rollcall No. 1076, I voted "aye." I meant to vote "nay" because as a Democrat, I would never do anything that would inflict harm upon my Hispanic brothers and sisters.

TEMPORARY TAX RELIEF ACT OF 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 809, I call up the bill (H.R. 3996) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3996

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE, ETC.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Temporary Tax Relief Act of 2007".

(b) REFERENCE.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(c) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title, etc.

TITLE I—AMT RELIEF

Sec. 101. Extension of alternative minimum tax relief for nonrefundable personal credits.

Sec. 102. Extension of increased alternative minimum tax exemption amount.

TITLE II—ONE-YEAR EXTENDERS

Subtitle A—Extenders Primarily Affecting Individuals

Sec. 201. Deduction for State and local sales taxes.

Sec. 202. Deduction of qualified tuition and related expenses.

Sec. 203. Treatment of certain dividends of regulated investment companies.

Sec. 204. Parity in the application of certain limits to mental health benefits.

Sec. 205. Qualified conservation contributions.

Sec. 206. Tax-free distributions from individual retirement plans for charitable purposes.

Sec. 207. Deduction for certain expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers.

Sec. 208. Election to include combat pay as earned income for purposes of earned income tax credit.

Sec. 209. Modification of mortgage revenue bonds for veterans.

Sec. 210. Distributions from retirement plans to individuals called to active duty.

Sec. 211. Stock in RIC for purposes of determining estates of nonresidents not citizens.

Sec. 212. Qualified investment entities.

Sec. 213. Refundable child credit.

Sec. 214. State legislators' travel expenses away from home.

Subtitle B—Extenders Primarily Affecting Businesses

Sec. 221. Research credit.

Sec. 222. Indian employment credit.

Sec. 223. New markets tax credit.

Sec. 224. Railroad track maintenance.

Sec. 225. Fifteen-year straight-line cost recovery for qualified leasehold improvements and qualified restaurant property.

Sec. 226. Seven-year cost recovery period for motorsports racing track facility.

Sec. 227. Accelerated depreciation for business property on Indian reservation.

Sec. 228. Expensing of environmental remediation costs.

Sec. 229. Deduction allowable with respect to income attributable to domestic production activities in Puerto Rico.

Sec. 230. Modification of tax treatment of certain payments to controlling exempt organizations.

Sec. 231. Extension and modification of credit to holders of qualified zone academy bonds.

Sec. 232. Tax incentives for investment in the District of Columbia.

Sec. 233. Extension of economic development credit for American Samoa.

Sec. 234. Enhanced charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.

Sec. 235. Enhanced charitable deduction for contributions of book inventory to public schools.

Sec. 236. Enhanced deduction for qualified computer contributions.

Sec. 237. Basis adjustment to stock of S corporations making charitable contributions of property.

Sec. 238. Extension of work opportunity tax credit for Hurricane Katrina employees.

Subtitle C—Other Extenders

Sec. 241. Disclosure for combined employment tax reporting.

Sec. 242. Disclosure of return information to apprise appropriate officials of terrorist activities.

Sec. 243. Disclosure upon request of information relating to terrorist activities.

Sec. 244. Disclosure of return information to carry out income contingent repayment of student loans.

Sec. 245. Authority for undercover operations.

Sec. 246. Increase in limit on cover over of rum excise tax to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Sec. 247. Disclosure of return information for certain veterans programs.

TITLE III—MORTGAGE FORGIVENESS DEBT RELIEF

Sec. 301. Discharges of indebtedness on principal residence excluded from gross income.

Sec. 302. Long-term extension of deduction for mortgage insurance premiums.

Sec. 303. Alternative tests for qualifying as cooperative housing corporation.

Sec. 304. Gain from sale of principal residence allocated to nonqualified use not excluded from income.

TITLE IV—ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

Sec. 401. Repeal of authority to enter into private debt collection contracts.